THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (aS No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Discretionary allotments are made by Government on compassionate grounds etc.

Marketing of oil by multinationals

3925. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow multinationals in marketing oil and petroleum products in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the small Oil Company has sent a proposal to directly market oil and petroleum products in India; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof

Oil

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKADANAND): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. Shell Oil Company has proposed that they would set up a fully owned marketing subsidiary for selling their lube products.

Raising the price of indigenous group

3926. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has urged the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) to raise the price of indigenous crude oil;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Emploration of gas from Western Coast

3927. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the natural gas potential on the Western Coast, Statewise and the potential exploited during each of the last three years and the value of gas being wasted;

(b) what plan have been formulated for exploitation of gas potential on Western region during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra have made some proposals for utilisation of natural gas, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Gujarat is the only State on the Western Coast which is producing hydrocarbons, having established geological reserves of 195.4 billion cu. mts. of gas approx. The gas produced therein during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 was approx. 1613, 1697 and 1898 million cu. mts. respectively.

(b) The major scheme being implemented to exploit the potential is Gandhar phase-II.

(c) Government of Maharashtra have presented a proposal to bring 30 MMSCMD of offshore gas to a now landful point, Usar, for supply of gas to industries in Konkan region.

(d) The proposal has to be examined in the context of gas availability in the region.

Sanctioning of L.P.G. connection

3928. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the time taken for the actual delivery of the L.P.G. connection to the